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SUBJECT: US/EC CONSULTATIONS: TRADE ISSUES WORKING GROUP

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1. FIELDING OF THE EC COMMISSION HAS DISCUSSED WITH US IN SOME DETAIL THE COMMISSION EXPECTATIONS FOR THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE WORKING GROUP ON TRADE WHICH IS TO MEET DURING THE US-EC CONSULTATIONS OF NOV 18-19. HE BELIEVES THAT THE MULTILATERAL ISSUES TO BE COVERED WILL INCLUDE, FIRST, THE PROBLEM OF AGRICULTURE IN THE MTNS (WHICH HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE SETTLED BEFORE THE CONSULTATIONS), AND SECONDLY THE SPECIFIC ISSUE OF GRAINS NEGOTIATIONS. FIELDING AND OTHERS IN THE COMMISSION HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE COMMISSION IS SOMEWHAT EXERCISED OVER THE REFUSAL OF THE US TO DISCUSS ITS GRAINS RESERVES PROPOSAL IN GENEVA AND APPARENTLY THIS ISSUE WILL BE RAISED AGAIN IN WASHINGTON.

2. AS FOR BILATERAL ISSUES, THE COMMUNITY WILL, IN A MORE
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MUTED FORM THAN IN RECENT WEEKS, DISCUSS WHAT IT TERMS THE

"DRIFT TOWARD PROTECTIONISM" IN THE US, BUT WILL MODIFY ITS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BY EXPRESSING PLEASURE ABOUT THE TREASURY DECISION IN THE STEEL COUNTERVAILING CASE. SOMETHING WILL BE SAID ABOUT THE COUNTERVAILING CASE ON HAM. LIKEWISE A FEW WORDS WILL BE SAID BY THE COMMUNITY ABOUT ITS DISLIKE FOR THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE AUTO ANTI-DUMPING CASE, WITH STRESS ON THE TRADE DAMAGE CAUSED BY WITHHOLDING OF APPRAISEMENT. FINALLY, THE COMMISSION WILL NOTE THAT WHILE STEEL AND AUTOS ARE THE MAIN PROBLEMS, THERE ARE OTHER EC EXPORTS POTENTIALLY SUBJECT TO RESTRICTION. IN THIS CONNECTION FIELDING GAVE US THE FOLLOWING TABLE WHICH IS THE LATEST--POST-TREASURY STEEL ACTION--COMMISSION LIST OF "EEC EXPORTS THREATENED BY US ACTIONS:"

	(MILLION US\$)
CARS	2,530
SHOES	324
CANNED HAM	265
CHEESE	107 (DAMAGE ALREADY DONE)
FASTENERS	43
SPECIALTY STEEL	70
CAP SCREWS	5
GLOVES	3
FLOAT GLASS	2
KNITTING MACHINERY (ITALY)	2
SLIDE FASTENERS	1
MUSHROOMS (0.7 MILL))	1
STAINLESS STEEL)	
FLATWARE (0.1))	
WATER CIRCULATING PUMPS (UK)	
(PART OF 0.5 MILL)	
SKI FINDINGS (GERM)	
(PART OF 1.7 MILL)	

	\$3,353

3. FIELDING SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THIS WEEK, IN ANY FORM, AN INDICATION OF WHAT THE US INTENDS TO RAISE IN THE WORKING GROUP. HE ANTICIPATES THAT THE US WILL WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT WINE AND POULTRY. HE WOULD LIKE THIS CONFIRMED AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ANY OTHER SUBJECTS. GREENWALD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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